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A group of busy people spread around the world as we are needs some means of telling each other what we are up to between meetings. There are many alternatives but I thought I would try a newsletter. Here is one. Let me know what you think. If you like it, send me news.

Bob Fisher will be honored at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution July 7th when the Ocean Studies Board of the U.S. National Academies present him the Drake Award for his lifetime achievements and contributions to deep-sea charting. Tony Laughton, Andrew Goodwillie and I will attend (any other GEBCO people?).

The Canadian Hydrographic Conference 2004 last month was billed as a centenary, and all living Dominion Hydrographers attended, including former GEBCO Chair Gerry Ewing. I had not seen him for several years and he looked good.

Bob Whitmarsh will present a briefing on GEBCO to a meeting of major IOC Subsidiary bodies in Paris on 22 June 2004 prior to the IOC Executive Council meeting.

Pauline Weatherall found a web site that is displaying data from the GDA http://www.aodc.gov.au - the bathymetry is under online data.

John Hall and Andrew Goodwillie are putting together a project to digitize the echo-soundings sheets and other analogue source material that Bob Fisher used in his Indian Ocean Opus.

Guiding Committee Member Alexis Hadjiantoniou has stepped down due to pressures from other duties. Sorry to lose him and wish him well. IHB has asked for nominations for his replacement via Circular Letter to Member States.

I imagine most people saw Walter Smith's special edition of The Oceanography Society quarterly, "Oceanography" entitled "Bathymetry from space". (vol 17, no 1)

Moves-Martin Jacobsen is in the process of moving from the University of New Hampshire to Sweden where he will be Associate Professor in Stockholm. And Bob Anderson seems to be settled in Seattle.

Setting up the Nippon Foundation GEBCO training project continues at the University of New Hampshire. Although the training element of the program only has funding for seven students per year, fifty-seven students from thirty-two counties applied. Successive eliminations have pared this down and we are in the final stages of the selection process.

That's edition one. No flowing literature, no frills, but hopefully some useful information. Let me know if you want to see edition two. Send contributions. Sorry if I missed anything.

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